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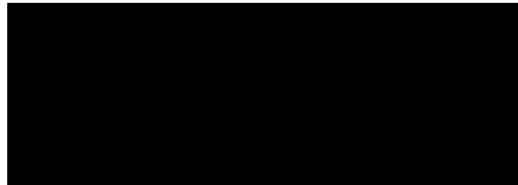
MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 28 June  
Intelligence Board Meeting

1. The attached draft minutes of the 28 June Intelligence Board meeting are submitted herewith for USIB consideration.

USIB Action Requested

2. In view of the cancellation of the regular Board meeting scheduled for 5 July, USIB members are requested to advise the Secretariat by close of business 6 July of their approval or other views on the attached minutes.



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Executive Secretary

Attachment

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schedule of E.O. 11652, exemption  
category 5B(2). Automatically  
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5. Termination of the National  
Intelligence Survey Program  
(USIB-D-51.1/22, 19 June 1973)

Dr. Proctor introduced the subject by referring to the memorandum issued by the Chairman, NIS Committee. Dr. Proctor traced the trends of the NIS Program since 1959, noting that there had been steady reductions in resources and output since that time. He said that in the past there were many contributors to the NIS Program. Now, however, the principal contributors are CIA, approximately 75 percent; and DoD, approximately 25 percent. He noted that this allocation of resources did not include the review function performed by the State Department. The principal point was, he said, that the overall reduction of resources required the elimination of this Program at least insofar as CIA was concerned.

Mr. Schlesinger commented that the ultimate responsibility for this Program rested with Mr. Colby as the DCI designate. Mr. Colby responded that the decision to cut the resources for the NIS Program was based on the overall reduction imposed on CIA; the problem was being presented to USIB for consideration as a matter under USIB auspices and in view of the fact that USIB Principals represent the primary customers for the product.

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Several members stated that the NIS product was most useful within their organizations and expressed regret at the proposed termination. Admiral de Poix, noting that DIA and the Services were the principal users, said he would like to see as much as possible of the Program continued. He reported that a survey conducted by DIA early in 1970 ranked the NIS General Survey 11th in usefulness out of 131 general intelligence products. He said that DIA and the Services would have to examine the problem to see what could be salvaged. Admiral Rectanus stressed the importance of the NIS product to the Navy, particularly to ships at sea. Dr. Proctor said that it might be possible to preserve the Fact Book in some other form but that this would require additional consideration.

After hearing Dr. Proctor's comments on the resources devoted to the NIS Program as currently constituted, the Acting State Member expressed regret at the proposed termination especially in light of the relatively small amount of money involved. He said that State was prepared to continue its review function, but that it had no additional resources to devote to the Program.

Mr. Colby suggested that Dr. King along with his NIS Committee prepare a proposal for Board consideration. The proposal should take into account the USIB discussion with regard to what could be salvaged from the NIS product. It was also noted that the National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 3 dealing with the NIS Program would require modification if the Program is not continued. The Chairman commented that first the Board needed to determine what could be salvaged from the current NIS Program.

Dr. Proctor concluded that he had proposed the elimination of the NIS Program with mixed feelings. On the one hand, he was faced with resource reductions. On the other hand, he noted that the current NIS publications were excellent products. A great deal of credit he said should go to Dr. John King, [REDACTED] and a number of others. Mr. Schlesinger said that Dr. Proctor's comments were well taken and should be noted by the Board. 25X1A9a

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The Board then:

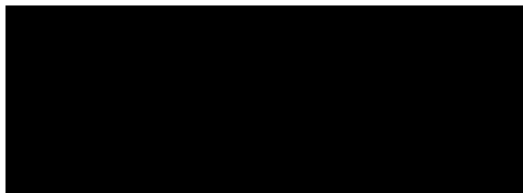
a. Agreed to instruct the NIS Committee to prepare a proposal for Board consideration regarding what could be salvaged from the NIS product based on the discussion, particularly:

Whether DIA could produce parts of the NIS product for inclusion in DIA publications;  
and

whether CIA could continue to produce the Factbook or its equivalent.

b. Noted that NSCID No. 3 will require modification if the NIS Program is terminated or sharply cut back.

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Adjournment: 1140 hours